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Continued Examination (RCE)
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Application Number	09/713,169
Filing Date	November 15, 2000
First Named Inventor	Nitta et al.
Art Unit	2661
Examiner Name	Douglas W. Olms
Attorney Docket Number	SAS2-PT042

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i. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Rely Brief previously filed on _____

ii. ☐ Other _____

b. ☒ Enclosed

i. ☒ Amendment/Reply

iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)

ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/ Declaration(s)

iv. ☐ Other _____

2. **Miscellaneous**

a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR 1.17(i) required)

b. ☐ Other _____

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iii. ☐ Other _____

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Signature	<i>Stephen B. Schott</i>	Date	11/18/2004

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☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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Complete if Known

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☐ Check ☒ Credit card ☐ Money Order ☐ Other ☐ None
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1. BASIC FILING FEE

Large Entity Fee Code (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1001 790	2001 395	Utility filing fee	
1002 350	2002 175	Design filing fee	
1003 550	2003 275	Plant filing fee	
1004 790	2004 395	Reissue filing fee	
1005 160	2005 80	Provisional filing fee	
SUBTOTAL (1)			(\$0.00)

2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES FOR UTILITY AND REISSUE

Total Claims	Extra Claims	Fee from below	Fee Paid
Independent Claim	=	X	0.00
Multiple Dependent	=	X	0.00

Large Entity Fee Code (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description	Fee Paid
1202 18	2202 9	Claims in excess of 20	
1201 88	2201 44	Independent claims in excess of 3	
1203 300	2203 150	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid	
1204 88	2204 44	** Reissue independent claims over original patent	
1205 18	2205 9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent	
SUBTOTAL (2)			(\$0.00)

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FEE CALCULATION (continued)

3. ADDITIONAL FEES

Large Entity		Small Entity		Fee Description	Fee Paid
Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)	Fee Code (\$)		
1051 130	2051 65			Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
1052 50	2052 25			Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
1053 130	2053 65			Non-English specification	
1812 2,520	1812 2,520			For filing a request for <i>ex parte</i> reexamination	
1804 920*	1804 920*			Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
1805 1,840*	1805 1,840*			Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
1251 110	2251 55			Extension for reply within first month	
1252 430	2252 215			Extension for reply within second month	
1253 980	2253 490			Extension for reply within third month	
1254 1,530	2254 765			Extension for reply within fourth month	
1255 2,080	2255 1,040			Extension for reply within fifth month	
1401 340	2401 170			Notice of Appeal	
1402 340	2402 170			Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
1403 300	2403 150			Request for oral hearing	
1451 1,510	1451 1,510			Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
1452 110	2452 55			Petition to revive - unavoidable	
1453 1,330	2453 665			Petition to revive - unintentional	
1501 1,370	2501 685			Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
1502 490	2502 245			Design issue fee	
1503 660	2503 330			Plant issue fee	
1460 130	1460 130			Petitions to the Commissioner	
1807 50	1807 50			Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
1806 180	1806 180			Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
8021 40	8021 40			Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
1809 790	2809 395			Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR 1.129(a))	
1810 790	2810 395			For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR 1.129(b))	
1801 790	2801 395			Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	395.00
1802 900	1802 900			Request for expedited examination of a design application	

Other fee (specify)

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